

House Resolution No. 769

Whereas, the late Nan Wyatt of St. Louis, Missouri, will be honored posthumously by the Women Legislators of Missouri during the prestigious DeVerne Lee Calloway Awards Ceremony, which will be held March 11, 2003, in the Rotunda of the Missouri State Capitol; and

Whereas, the DeVerne Lee Calloway Awards recognize Missouri women who, through their commitment and determination, have made major contributions to equality and social justice by furthering legislation concerning equal opportunities for all Missourians in the areas of education, housing, employment, etc.; and

Whereas, a hard-working journalist and strong supporter of several charities and service organizations, Nan Wyatt became the host of the drive-time "Total Information AM", St. Louis' number one morning radio show, in 1996, following other jobs at KMOX and a brief stint at WBBM-AM in Chicago; and

Whereas, known for her in-depth political reporting, Nan Wyatt had won several reporting awards, including the National Associated Press Award for Enterprise Reporting in 1995 and provided live coverage of the State of the Union Address in Washington in 1995; and

Whereas, a member of the victims of domestic abuse organization ALIVE board of directors from 1999 to 2001, Nan Wyatt began appearing on "Donnybrook" on KETC in 1998 and continued to perform her duties at KMOX as "Total Information AM" began to gain more popularity, eventually becoming the highest-rated radio show in St. Louis; and

Whereas, Nan Wyatt became interested in news reporting at the height of the Watergate scandal in the early 1970s and went on to study journalism and communications at Indiana University before landing her first broadcasting job at KXOK in St. Louis and moving to Wilmington, Delaware, where she served as managing editor of the talk-show station WILM-AM until returning to St. Louis in 1990; and

Whereas, the mother of seven-year-old Drake, Nan Wyatt was born Nandray Ann Walicki and grew up in Fort Wayne, Indiana, where she attended Concordia Grade School:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, unanimously join in paying final tribute to Nan Wyatt, an incredible woman and superior journalist of remarkable talent who will be greatly missed by all those who had the distinct pleasure of knowing her; and

Be it further resolved that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution in honor of the late Nan Wyatt.

Offered by _____
Representative Marilyn Ruestman
District No. 131

I, Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker of the House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, First Regular Session, do certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House Resolution No. 769, adopted March 10, 2003.

Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker